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Majority prices were trending lower in the East, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail demand was seasonally light due to interest for other holiday items and possible additional bad winter weather in the Midwest. Food service was slightly better ranging fair to fairly good. Supplies were more than adequate and occasionally discounted to help stimulate interest. In the parts structure, wings were in the closest balance and moving well. The remaining items were at least sufficient with slow to fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/18-12/23/00 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)			COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	48.00-52.00	45.00-53.00	49.75	24
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	44.00-47.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	58.00-61.00	47.50-63.00	60.48	79

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
614	57.40-62.75	61.29

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	126.50	4,697
BREASTS - WHOLE	64.00	1,075
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	735
LEG QUARTERS	25.50	8,280
WINGS	83.50	2,808

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's majority. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to barely steady. Offerings of additional product were fully sufficient for the light trade interest. Movement into retail and food service outlets was irregular with moderate movement noted in Ohio, mostly slow in the St. Louis and Michigan areas and food service in the Chicago area reported as fairly good. Poor weather conditions were the most often cited explanation for tapering orders and consumer buying interest. Floor stocks were mixed, mostly adequate with weights desirable. Trading on parts items was lackluster and current commitments satisfying most buyer needs. Supplies of wings were in close balance to short, breast items adequate and dark meat items ample. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak on leg quarters, steady to firm on wings and mostly steady breast items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light to no better than fair, with little improvement noted entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were readily available at discounted levels. The market tone was no better than steady to weak at times. In the parts complex, breast items were generally adequate, and dark meat cuts were more than sufficient with leg quarters in the longest position. Continued interest kept wings closely balanced to well cleared.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady. Trading for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices. Offerings ample for the fair buyer needs. Retailer demand light to moderate best for parts and to cover ads. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 59-69, leg quarters (10# bags) 270-390, whole legs 98, thighs 78-99, wings 99, drumsticks 78-99 (5# bags 257), boneless leg meat 99-118, boneless breasts 149-198, roasters 129, ducks 169; Denver - whole body 79, cut-up 99, drumsticks 79, thighs 79, wings 79, boneless breasts 199, cornish hens 89; Southern Arizona - whole body 49, leg quarters (10# bags) 390-690, drumsticks 59-129, thighs 59-129, wings 99, boneless breasts 299-399 and roasters 99-149.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand entering the weekend was moderate at best with interest more focused on holiday items. Supplies were more than sufficient to easily handle trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was strongest for wings as supplies continued to be well cleared. Breast items were balanced and moving, and dark meat was more available and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds typically increased entering the weekend but remained seasonally light to fair and unaggressive. Offerings were more than sufficient. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were light to moderate and several plants planned some curtailment in operations next week. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies varied from in good balance to ample. Wings were generally noted as in best balance, leg quarters as in heaviest supply.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A		
RANGE		44-60
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		50.20
NO. OF BOXES		10,294
CUMULATIVE	12/11/00-12/15/00	50.68
	12/13/99-12/17/99	56.44
NO. OF BOXES	12/11/00-12/15/00	60,316
	12/13/99-12/17/99	43,094

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS	WEEKLY			
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	946	104.00-195.00	125-135	140.56	927	104.00-195.00	125-135	141.29	4,708
TENDERLOINS	55	135.00-205.00	135-140	160.45	65	135.00-205.00	135-140	156.54	324
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	64.00-67.00	-	64.25	81	63.00-67.00	-	63.50	417
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				212
LEGS	86	29.00-45.00	29-30	30.12	86	29.00-45.00	29-30	30.12	430
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	427	18.50-25.00	18.5-19	19.66	462	17.50-24.00	17.5-18	18.37	2,170
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,204	22.00-28.00	22-24	24.60	1,580	21.00-27.50	21-24	24.02	6,794
WINGS (WHOLE)	265	78.00-85.00	82-85	83.78	285	78.00-85.00	82-85	84.52	1,535
WINGS (CUT)	636	92.50-109.00	94-95	99.23	361	92.50-109.00	94-95	98.80	2,530
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				40
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				40
B/S THIGHS	51	80.00-83.00	-	82.47	52	80.00-83.00	-	82.42	290

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DEC 14, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE

35.25 - 38.50

**TODAY'S
AVERAGE**

35.83

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR DEC 15, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE

34.75 - 38.25

**TODAY'S
AVERAGE**

35.19

**5-DAY
AVERAGE**

35.82

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light today and the weekend has initially offered only limited improvement as dealers maintain minimal floorstocks and focus on seasonal items. Offerings of boneless-skinless breast were generally adequate and bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat items were readily available, and leg quarters were usually abundant. Wings remained no more than adequate to closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to no better than fair. The market tone was about steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRs IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB

DEC 14, 2000

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	119.60	650,100
TENDERLOINS	130-135	130.84	211,780
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	65.04	287,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	61.11	162,000
LEGS	33-34	35.69	236,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	21.74	530,660
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	32.88	234,440
THIGHS	30-31	32.47	182,360
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.49	60,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	81-82	89.81	340,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	90,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.20	52,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.97	120,680

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	121.85	740,120	119.32	3,473,536
TENDERLOINS	130-135	132.42	209,960	133.00	907,210
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	65.03	324,520	64.71	1,586,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	60.50	180,000	61.11	909,200
LEGS	33-34	35.45	277,480	35.93	1,331,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	21.32	557,433	22.08	2,899,160
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.33	226,230	33.51	1,137,680
THIGHS	30-31	34.42	162,780	33.42	900,940
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.00	80,120	82.44	321,150
WINGS (WHOLE)	81-82	89.73	398,640	88.51	1,777,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	100,760	12.01	455,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.37	104,280	43.86	440,265
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.90	146,080	69.84	650,850

DEC 15, 2000

WEEKLY

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	12/15	12/14	12/13	12/12	12/13	12/12	12/08	12/06
ALA	3,835	3,852	3,488	3,961	5.15	4.99	3,803	4.98
ARK	6,104	3,800	2,071	5,019	4.91	5.02	5,417	4.90
DELMARVA	2,070	2,357	2,370	2,170	4.94	4.89	1,952	4.96
KY-LA-TN	2,008	1,998	1,818	2,015	4.59	4.60	1,697	4.50
MISS	2,809	2,817	2,698	2,707	5.16	5.04	2,794	5.14
NC	2,615	2,644	2,603	2,515	5.80	6.01	3,113	5.77
TEXAS	2,578	2,336	2,053	2,285	5.05	4.90	2,322	4.96
TOTAL	22,019	19,804	17,101	20,672	5.12	5.07	21,098	5.03
MON-FRI	63,105(A)				62,331(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15 & 16-Dec 00 is estimated to be 32,943,000 up 5.68 percent from a week ago and up 3.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,978,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Dec-00 is estimated to be 146,802,000 head down 3.3 percent from a week ago, and down 1.5 percent from a year ago (Last week 151,794,000 Last year 149,008,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-93
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 103-106
	ICE PACK 93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 105-112
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 94
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Dec 02, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	35,671	27,826	51,030
Avg Weight	3.83	4.70	6.15
% of total /1	31%	24%	45%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	30,197	17,326	34,042
Avg Weight	3.78	4.81	6.16
% of total /1	37%	21%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	36,769	32,291	42,819
Avg Weight	3.86	4.83	6.17
% of total /1	33%	29%	38%
To date/2000	1,573,959	1,579,271	1,946,976
To date/1999	1,529,572	1,487,372	1,947,742

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 09-Dec-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	151,794 (A)	1,927	1,353	3,280	530
AVG WT	5.17	3.40	7.69	5.17	6.88
LAST WEEK	146,306	1,876	1,346	3,222	474
YR AGO	151,438	2,167	1,425	3,592	545
AVG WT	5.01	3.41	7.93	5.20	6.69
TO-DATE/2000	7,523,509	92,378	68,922	161,300	22,085
TO-DATE/1999	7,392,751	100,886	69,171	170,057	21,725

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.6 million head or 5.4 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: DEC 12, 2000

*NOTE-DUE TO THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY, NO SALES WILL BE REPORTED FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2000.

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.32 - .62	Geese 9-14 LBS .20 - .34
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.40 - .58	Pigeons 2.50 - 3.00ea.
Pekin Ducks	.20 - .34	White Pigeons 2.25 - 2.75ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .54	Rabbits 4-6 LBS 1.10 - .74
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .78	Rabbits 7-11 LBS 1.00 - 1.48
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .82	Bunnies 1.00 - 8.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.10 - 1.40	Guinea Pigs .10 - 1.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 5.50 ea.	Kid Goats 30.00 - 42.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50 ea.	Doves 3.00 - 3.50ea.
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .22	Chukars 3.75 - 4.25ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.10 - .22	Pullets .60 - .84
Silkie	4.00 - 4.75ea.	
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.50 - .92	
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 - .90	
Total Coops Sold 676		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 11-DEC-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126 122-124	123-127 123-125
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66-67
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83 72-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was good to at times very good due to the upcoming holidays. Sizes were mostly desirable. Schedules were part-time to full-time due to the severe winter storms in the Midwest this week. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 11-DEC-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	121-123	124

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 4	158.5	150.2	106	5.01
11	159.5	147.1	108	5.12
18	150.7	144.4	104	5.06
25	112.9	143.2	79	5.20
DECEMBER 2	148.1	145.6	102	4.93
9	153.6	148.2	104	5.17
YEAR TO DATE	7617.3	7483.3	102	
DECEMBER 16		146.1		
23		141.3		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	12/16/00	12/09/00	% CHG	12/18/99	% CHG
Broilers	146,802	151,794*	-03	149,008*	-02
Cattle	651	668	-03	679*	-04
Hogs	1,989	1,995	0	2,163*	-08

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were mixed but generally unchanged on light cannery and higher on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to good, best on heavies. Supplies were sufficient on lights but occasionally short to adequate on heavy cannery. Undertone was at best steady on lights and fully steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-26.5 MAJORITY 21-24	31-35 MAJORITY 32.5-34

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-29.5 MAJORITY 25	32-37 MAJORITY 33-36

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for a demand that was fair at best and generally unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing available supplies. Processing schedules range from normal to reduced for the holiday. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few sales to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for reduced but adequate offerings. Finished sales remained seasonally good. Schedules were reduced to normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the fair demand. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.25	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate for adequate but reduced offering. Floor stocks of finished product were clearing and ranged from about adequate to adequate for current requirements. Processing schedules were mostly normal to less than normal. The market tone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for reduced but adequate offerings. Finished sales remained seasonally good. Processing schedules were reduced to normal. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings irregular until after the first of the year.

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